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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by

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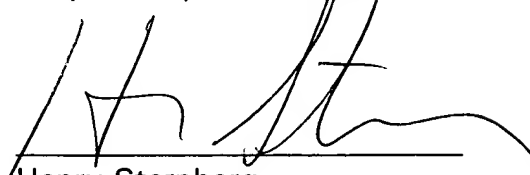
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The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Search Report issued 30 September 1999 for the PCT counterpart of the present patent application (Application No. PCT/EP99/04113), in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since the Search Report utilizes conventional codes to characterize each cited reference, it is believed that the applicants in the

above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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